IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE

KATIE MANN * STATE BOARD

REGISTRATION No: T08224 * OF PHARMACY

Respondent * Case No.: PT-11-036

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FINAL ORDER

On September 21, 2011, the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy ("the Board"), issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke the pharmacy technician registration of **KATIE MANN (the "Respondent"), Registration No. T08224**, based on her violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), codified at Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O.") §§ 12-101, *et seg.* (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2010 Supp.).

The Board found that the Respondent violated the following provisions of H.O. § 12-6B-09:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-315 of this title, the Board may deny a pharmacy technician's registration to any applicant, reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any pharmacy technician's registration on probation, or suspend or revoke a pharmacy technician's registration if the applicant or pharmacy technician registrant:

- (27) Participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under § 12-313 or § 12-409 of this title; to wit:
 - H.O. § 12-313(25) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board; to wit:

COMAR 10.34.10.01B A pharmacist may not: (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Respondent is registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the
State of Maryland under Registration Number T08224. The Respondent was first

registered on November 8, 2010. The Respondent's registration is active and is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2012.

- 2. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at Northside Pharmacy ("Northside") in Elkton, Maryland.
- The Board received information from Northside that it had terminated the Respondent after she allegedly stole medication.
 - 4. Thereafter the Board initiated an investigation.
- 5. The Board's investigation revealed that on January 8, 2011, the Elkton Police Department ("the police") responded to a call from Northside regarding an employee theft. Northside reported to the police that while conducting inventory it was discovered that a 4 oz. bottle of phenylin codeine [sic] was missing. Phenylin codeine [sic] is a schedule 4 controlled dangerous substance.
- 6. A review of Northside's surveillance footage revealed that the Respondent was observed concealing the medication (as well as other medications) on her person and later placing the bottle into her purse.
- 7. On January 10, 2011, the Respondent was terminated from her employment at Northside.
- 8. On January 18, 2011, the Respondent was interviewed by the police, at which time she advised that she had taken two types of medication from Northside: phenylin codeine [sic] and clonazepam.¹
- 9. Northside did not press charges against the Respondent for theft of the medications.

¹ Clonazepam is a benzodiazepine and a schedule IV controlled dangerous substance.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds by a preponderance of evidence and concludes that by being terminated from her employment as a pharmacy technician for theft of controlled dangerous substances, the Respondent violated H.O. § 12-6B-09(27) Participates in any activity that is grounds for Board action under § 12-313 or § 12-409 of this title; to wit: H.O. § 12-313(25) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board; to wit: COMAR 10.34.10.01B A pharmacist may not: (3) Engage in unprofessional conduct.

<u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice pharmacy is hereby REVOKED;

ORDERED that this Order is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-611 et seq. (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2010 Supp.).

12/01/2011 Date

aVerne G. Naesea, Executive Director

State Board of Pharmacy